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2. After his recent return from an official visit to Peking, China, Lothar Bolz, Minister for Foreign Affairs, lectured to the Ministry staff on his trip to China. After his lecture, Bolz launched into a tirade against Ministry personnel at home and abroad. He severely criticized the quality of the work and implied that the Ministry is staffed by incapable personnel. This was a severe blow to the morale of Ministry personnel, who only a few weeks previously had been praised by State Secretary Georg Handke for their excellent work. The effect of Bolz's criticism left the department chiefs disappointed and insulted, and these chiefs threatened to do something about Bolz's "dictatorial speech". It is believed, however, that no action will be taken, since Bolz is in good standing with the Soviets.
3. Lothar Bolz is planning to take a vacation in the near future, destination and duration unknown.
4. Emil Rathmann, former cadre chief of the Ministry Personnel Department, is presently on leave and is to attend a Party school. No replacement has been earmarked for Rathmann's job in the Foreign Ministry. It was not known whether Rathmann would return to his old job after completing the Party school.
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9. For special occasions, such as receptions in honor of the fifth anniversary of East Germany, the embassies abroad have to procure all extra food, alcohol, etc., from the Abteilung fuer Betreuung der Diplomaten in the Ministry in Berlin. When the East German Embassy in North Korea was built, all building materials had to be shipped via China from East Germany. East German embassies in satellite countries are treated like step-children, while satellite embassies in Berlin get priority on the East German economy for all procurement requests.

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